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MISSION STATEMENT

Balmoral Hall School is dedicated to the education of girls and young women in preparation for entrance into university so that they might lead satisfying personal and successful professional lives. Balmoral Hall thus prepares young women for academic, social and leadership success in our changing world.

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The Portal is intended for all members of the B.H. family – students, parents of students, alumnae, grandparents of students, and friends of the school.

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Celebrations in Atrium (MIDDLE)
Students enjoying performances
in new Theatre (BOTTOM – L-R)
Sarah Scott, Jasmine Fernando, Paige
Danowski, Kate Allen, Shelby Small
(MAIN PHOTO) Looking towards the
new Theatre and Balmoral Hall
School expansion

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

BY: DIANE BIEBER

When classes resume in September, our new facilities will be fully operational. We are very excited about this, as it will enhance the B.H. experience for both students and staff. There will be a Grand Opening on Wednesday, September 16th to give everyone an opportunity to see the fruition of the "Enriching Her Tomorrows" Capital Campaign. We hope to see you there.

The expansion will put an end to the era of ferrying teams to various facilities to practice and searching for suitable venues for our productions and events. Our new Athletic Centre will house a competition-size gymnasium complete with bleachers, changing rooms and showers. Our professional Theatre will feature backstage dressing rooms and a control booth for lighting and sound, as well as comfortable seating for an audience of 200. We expect these facilities to be revenue-generators, as they will be available for rental by community groups when they are not in use by the school.

The Theatre and its lobby are located on "Main Street", an attractive new meeting area for students which connects onto the Atrium. Also opening onto Main Street are the Technology Resource Centre, Student Store and Canteen. Other new additions include a locker room,

a new classroom and meeting rooms. This expansion indicates a strong commitment to the student body, as well as an investment in the Winnipeg community. Students at all levels will be enjoying the benefits of the new facilities.

We are justifiably proud of these physical enhancements to our school. But rest assured that we haven't become so enamoured of brick and mortar that we'll waver in our commitment to the other crucial components of the B.H. education.

The B.H. approach is multi-faceted, and it is structured to support the way girls learn. We offer an enriched and rigorous academic curriculum, including advanced placement courses. Besides mathematics, science, English, social studies and languages, our public speaking and debating program builds confidence and provides girls with skills that will serve them well in a variety of environments.

The curriculum is globalized, and students learn to broaden their perspectives through cross-cultural experiences. There are opportunities for them to participate in Community Service Learning activities and a wide array of school clubs to expand their horizons. The girls are encouraged to develop an appreciation of the performing arts through a variety of

courses and field trips. Our athletic curriculum supports the development of their skills as individual athletes, as well as demonstrating the value and power of functioning within a team.

Girls are encouraged to hone their learning and study skills as well as their interpersonal and leadership skills, including dealing with issues such as conflict resolution and ethics. In the area of career enhancement, there are ample opportunities for students to gain insights and connect with mentors through our partnerships with business and post-secondary educational institutions.

Maintaining the crucial balance between progress and tradition is what has kept us great for nearly 100 years, and that will never change. One of our greatest assets in this regard is our staff. They are extremely talented, highly motivated and completely supportive of the students and one another. The level of achievement of our students is a testament to their skill and caring.

The B.H. approach to education and our fine staff ensure that our mission statement is more than just words on paper. Balmoral Hall truly does prepare young women for academic, social and leadership success in our changing world.



DIANE BIEBER

Meliora Petens

Seeking Better Things

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MESSAGES FROM DIRECTORS



MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF
JUNIOR SCHOOL, JUDITH STEEK

In the words of Holly Penman – “a grade 2er going on to grade 3er – I just love BH!”. This is a sentiment that many of our students share. Holly was expressing a feeling towards her teachers, students and school. Holly and her fellow schoolmates will now have not only caring teachers, excellent programs, but outstanding facilities as well.

The theatre will be the stage on which students will have the opportunity to sing, dance and act. The new athletic centre will provide the time and space for additional programs that will encourage our students to participate in physical activity and to develop a life long love of fitness. Junior School students will look forward to the exciting new capabilities of the Technology Resource Centre. Multi-media, animation and new skills will be offered to integrate the use of technology in our BH curriculum.

Junior School has always been “happy faces going places”. Those happy faces, with our wonderful new facilities, will now be able to go to far reaching places.

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTORS MAXINE
LAINE AND HEATHER WESTDAL

Change is ever-present and the Balmoral Hall environment is no exception! There have been curricular changes instituted that will even better position the Balmoral Hall graduates for the next step in their careers.

This year represented the first time that the students had the services of a career counselor available. They were able to meet with the counselor for individual and group sessions related to career decisions.

Mentorships are another avenue for students to test the work environment to discover which professions meet their professional needs and match the skills that they possess.

For those students for whom the business world beckons, the business course, “Visions and Ventures”, will give students the opportunity to operate the student store under the direction of a faculty member.

Mathematics is a key to many of the careers that our students seek. As a result, there has been an increased emphasis pertaining to the study of mathematics whereby students can accomplish four years of mathematics in three and then proceed to study university mathematics in their last year of high school. Many students relish the thought of doing this.

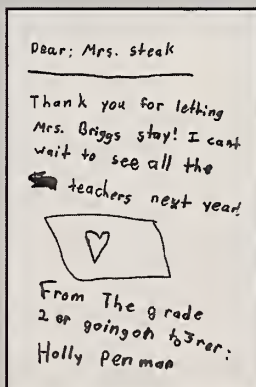
These are some of the changes that have been implemented at Balmoral Hall to ensure that our students have the skill base they require to make the transition to the next stage of their lives.



DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE AND SENIOR
SCHOOL ACADEMICS, MAXINE LAINE



DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE AND SENIOR
SCHOOL PROGRAMS, HEATHER WESTDAL



HAVING FUN WITH SCIENCE



SCIENCE OLYMPICS

By: CONNIE SHYKA

Science Olympics is a fun, interactive, hands-on, cooperative, team competition that is aimed at fostering and perpetuating students' interest in Science. Science Olympic events allow students to apply scientific knowledge and the events involve several areas of Science; including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, General Science, Mathematics, computers, and technology. The events are balanced between those requiring knowledge of Science facts, concepts, processes, skills and applications.

For several years, the Science Department at Balmoral Hall has been exposing Middle School students to and involving them in this exciting and interesting academic event. This year's Science Olympics competition was held on Friday, February 13th. Students worked in groups of three to solve four very different science problems. Student teams attempted to design and build, within a specified time limit;

- 1) A straw tower that can support a specific mass for a certain length of time.
- 2) A boat that can remain afloat for a specific length of time while containing an ever-increasing cargo.
- 3) A can car that can travel a measured distance.
- 4) A variety of selected shapes constructed from a general pattern.

Student groups received points based on their success at completing the four events, calculated objectively using the rubrics outlined in the four student procedures.

Science Olympics benefits all who participate, but the biggest winners are the students! They learn to work together on tough scientific problems and see that science is fun and challenging!

THE SCIENCE OLYMPIC MEDAL RECIPIENTS FOR 1998 WERE:

GOLD GROUP 2

Pamela Castanon (*Grade 7*)
Amber Bewza (*Grade 8*)
Anna AbouZeid (*Grade 9*)

SILVER GROUP 22

Rachel Holt (*Grade 7*)
Shona Kusyk (*Grade 8*)
Aynsley Plueschow (*Grade 9*)

BRONZE GROUP 27

Jill Parsonage (*Grade 7*)
Jillian Newfield (*Grade 8*)
Katie Brownell (*Grade 9*)

SCIENCE FAIR

By: SARAH BRIGGS AND ASHLEY ZAJAC, GRADE 8

Our Grade 8 science fair was a huge success. After the hard work, long hours, continuous experiments and an unbearable amount of stress, our science projects were coming to a close. Because our projects were completely done at school, poor Mrs. Shyka had to put up with 46 frantic girls messing up the lab. Many of us were at school until wee hours of the night.

On the 13th of March at 7:00 pm, our parents were invited to view our science projects. There were many different topics for the projects including physics, chemistry, human studies, biology and health sciences. The following morning our projects were to be viewed by the visiting guests. After you presented your project to one of the guests and they commented on it, you could leave and go back to your regular classes. We then had to present them in front of class during our science class, and Mrs. Shyka marked us on them.

Just before spring break, two projects from each class were chosen to go to the Manitoba School Science Symposium. The 6 projects chosen to go were by Amanda Aldous, Danielle Matte & Amber Bewza,

Raime Goldberg, Kristi Nyhof, Shona Kusyk and Sarah Briggs & Ashley Zajac. On Friday, April 24th at 9:00 am, our experience began. After setting up our projects we found a place in the bleachers to view opening ceremonies. After the ceremony, there was a science show which was interesting, but not quite compelling. There were also many activities set up throughout the Duckworth Centre such as glass blowing, coloring contests, making an airplane fly the farthest, a fireball show and much, much more.

The next day (Saturday) was judging which took four hours. If you didn't need further judging you could leave. On Sunday were the award ceremonies, which lasted for about 3 hours! The following students got the following:

Kristi Nyhof – *Gold*
Amanda Aldous – *Silver and the special Workplace Environmental Award*
Ashley Zajac & Sarah Briggs – *Bronze*
Danielle Matte & Amber Bewza – *Bronze*
Candice Donnelly – *Gold (Top project in the senior level)*

In conclusion, it was an experience that everyone should remember and also be able to have.

BILL KORYTOWSKI

On April 29, 1998, Mr. William Korytowski was the recipient of the Science and Mathematics Teacher Award for outstanding contributions to science and mathematics teaching. Nominated by his peers, Bill has been singled out for his commitment, innovation and creativity in helping students develop the skills to thrive in a knowledge-based economy and society. This award, presented to only 50 Canadian teachers each year, was presented by the Manitoba Chapter of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society. Bill has been at BH since September and is a welcome addition to our outstanding math team.

EXPERIENCING JAPANESE CULTURE

STUDENTS' TRIP TO JAPAN A FABULOUS EXPERIENCE

BY: MEGUMI SAUNDERS

OHAYO GOZAIMASU!

In March, 35 Balmoral Hall students, 5 staff and 2 parents left for Japan! This trip had been planned for more than a year. We were welcomed warmly and personally by Shizuoka Eiwa school staff and homestay families. For 3 days the students lived in Japanese homes and attended classes at Shizuoka Eiwa School. The students enjoyed the Japanese language, food, customs, bus and train transportation and much more. The students experienced firsthand the wearing of 'slippers', eating with chopsticks and of course the bath ritual. The friendship between the schools was further deepened by this exchange visit. When we had to say goodbye to our new friends, many eyes were filled with tears.

After seeing Mount Fuji and some interesting sights in Shizuoka, we travelled to Kyoto, the former capital of Japan. We saw the Golden Pavilion, Nijo Castle, Heian Shrine and a kimono show. We took a side trip to Nara, an ancient capital of Japan where we played with sacred deer in Nara Park and saw the giant Buddha. Then our bullet train took us to Hiroshima, the City of Peace. We saw the monument in memory of Sadako and we dedicated the thousand cranes made by BH students. We travelled by boat to Miyajima Island where we saw the Floating Shrine. Our last stop was in Tokyo. There, we visited the NHK studio, Sony Place, Shibuya Fashion Area, the famous Ginza and Tokyo Tower. This truly was a trip of a lifetime, an experience never to be forgotten.

SHORT-TERM STUDY

It is not the Titanic, nor the vast Atlantic, and the young DiCaprio is not on board, but the six students from Shizuoka Japan were excited nonetheless about their boat ride down the Red River. These six young ladies, all dressed in their summer yukata in the photograph, were a genuine pleasure to have at Balmoral Hall. They were here with us for only three and a half months, but like the cherry blossoms in the spring, they are beautiful and then they are gone. So we say farewell to our Japanese friends and natutsukashii.



THE JAPAN TRIP



Dedication of B.H. cranes at monument in memory of Sadako.
(l-r) Kelsey Mills, Jennifer Yamamoto, Dawn Shanski, Sarah Coates,
Mrs. Westdal, Andrea Mancini, Renee Phipps, Ashley Hyra, Renata Choptiany

JAPANESE FESTIVAL

JAPANESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE FESTIVAL

Japanese Language students had a very busy spring. Following their big trip to Japan in March, 23 students from Sr. 1 – 3 attended the first Japanese Language and Culture Festival for High School students at Miles Macdonnell Collegiate on April 22nd. This event was planned by the Department of Education, Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Asia Pacific Foundation and teachers from 5 High Schools including BH teacher Megumi Matsuo Saunders.

This all-day festival had two sections. The morning session included Individual Presentations, at which our BH student Simona Ioffe spoke about her recent trip to Japan and shared her Japanese farewell speech at Shizuoka Eiwa School. The morning also included RAJIO TAISO (special Japanese exercise) which was fun and now our students want to try it in our school, and group presentations from various schools. Our BH students talked about their unique experience of a Japan trip, especially the surprising cultural differences. Japanese lunch was provided courtesy of Asia Pacific Foundation. After the lunch, students could attend

three sessions of their choice. Options were Internet and Computer Programs for Japanese, Kendo (martial arts), Sushi Making, Shodo (Japanese calligraphy), Karuta and Hanafuda (culture games), and Contemporary Youth Culture in Japan. Our students assisted the session on Contemporary Youth Culture since they had just been immersed in it not long ago.

BH students enjoyed the day and the picture shown here tells of their adventure (Kendo), learning and the fun they had. We hope this festival is going to become an annual event that BH can host sometime soon.

JAPANESE

KENDO



PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

THE PEACOCK PUBLIC SPEAKING TOURNAMENT IN VICTORIA, B.C.

BY: LINDA MARTIN

Nine adventurous students set out with Mr. and Mrs. Martin in May to attend the Peacock Public Speaking Tournament at Glenlyon-Norfolk School in Victoria, B.C.

The nine novice competitors were: Kelsey Mills, Katie Brownell, Patricia Ball, Anna AbouZeid, Anna Penner, Sarah Coates, Laura Flercher, Crystal Bewza and Kristle Calisto-Tavares. They were required to enter four events each; Parliamentary Debating, Persuasive Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, and Dramatic Interpretation. The purpose of travelling so far to compete against seniors was to gain experience for the International Independent Schools Tournament in Vancouver in October, 1998.

The first day was spent memorizing speeches and practicing presentation skills. Mr. Martin sat in one classroom and Mrs. Martin in another while the students performed for one and then the other. Eventually, the beautiful 27°C weather called and everyone went to the beach. However, the presentation proved to be successful. After the next two days of competition and 8 rounds of speech, the students won many trophies.

Once everyone had gained control of their nervous energy they were able to enjoy the sights and gourmet delights of Victoria: the Royal British Columbia Museum, Madame Tussaud's

Wax Museum, a tour of the harbour, Fish and Chips, cheesecake, the flowers, shopping and Starbucks Coffee.

The trip was a huge success as the students gained confidence, learned new speaking styles and met new friends whom they will compete against during the next school year.

WORLD DEBATING IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

BY: LINDA MARTIN

What does it take to be a member of the Canadian Team to the World Public Speaking Championships? The answer is practice, experience, talent, drive and focus.

Sarah Carter showed she had it all in abundance when she qualified for this event two years in a row. This year, she placed third at the National Public Speaking Championships which qualified her as one of 12 students on the Canadian Team. What a team it was, placing tenth in the top thirteen overall!

The Canadians flew to Northlands School in Buenos Aires, Argentina and experienced an incredible week of competition and touring. Sarah entered 4 events: Parliamentary Debate, Impromptu Speaking, Interpretive Reading, and After Dinner Speaking. She completed two rounds of each while travelling from building to building, and listening to the parrots squawking in the trees overhead. The end result was that she placed twelfth overall and was in the After Dinner Final. What will be remembered was the

warmth of Argentine people. They proudly showed of their land and culture by showing us the city: the soccer, dancing, go-carts, parks, cafes, and, of course, memories of Evita. They also took us by Hydro boat to Colonia, Uruguay where we saw the historical sights of Spanish and Portuguese origins, the hand crafts in the market, and the beach.

The Argentine people love to dance and so does Sarah. It was love at first sight for both, and I discovered that the Argentines live with sleep deprivation. They dance the "Salsa" and the "Tango" in the streets from 1:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. What an exciting atmosphere!

After the competition, some of the Canadians travelled to Iguazu Falls in Northern Argentina and stayed in the National Park. We hiked over, under, and beside the Falls which were larger than our Niagara Falls. In the park were many forms of wildlife such as pumas, pigs, coati, parrots, toucans, and condors. We saw all but the puma, thank goodness. The highlight was a board (zodiac) trip up the river to the Falls. We passed under the Falls SEVEN times when normally one does it once. However, debaters can be convincing, and the driver was willing to be convinced to do it again, and again, and again.

We left Argentina with a new appreciation of the Southern Hemisphere, and a desire to return. In fact one of the students was overheard exclaiming that Argentina would be a wonderful trip for a honeymoon! Argentina is indeed a magical place.



SARAH CARTER

MULTICULTURAL DAY



RESIDENCE MULTICULTURAL DAY

BY: TRACY SMITH, ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR OF RESIDENCE

Balmoral Hall residence celebrated its annual "Multicultural Day" on March 19, 1998. Multicultural Day is an annual celebration of our ethnic backgrounds and cultural diversity, providing students with a firsthand opportunity to learn about other countries. As part of the festivities, the residence students and school prefects organized themselves into small groups and created wonderful displays on countries that were close to their hearts. These exhibits were set up in the atrium for the entire day and included India, Asia (China,

Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan), Europe (Germany, Italy, Scotland, and Spain), North and South America (Argentina, Canada, Jamaica, and Mexico), as well as South Africa. In addition to the 13 displays on specific countries, Mrs. Rieger created a wonderful display marking International Women's Day. International Women's Day is an annual celebration on the equality of women, which has been held worldwide since March 8, 1909.

Included in the displays were pictures and articles from magazines, personal photographs, write-ups, as well as traditional items and artifacts for the students to look at. Some students created keepsakes for the viewing audience, the most popular being the origami figures created by the

Japanese students. Both residence and day students wore their native costumes and performed traditional dances from Asia, the Ukraine and India. The celebration ended with a multicultural supper in which there were a variety of delicious ethnic foods.

Multicultural day offers a unique opportunity for our students to educate others about their ethnic origins. There is a strong feeling of pride from the girls taking part in the festivities, as well as a sincere interest by those viewing the festivities, especially the students from the Junior School. Such an event is beneficial for all involved. It allows for an appreciation and understanding of each other's backgrounds, a cultural awareness that will remain with them.

our ethnic backgrounds

CELEBRATING



MINORI KUROISHI

SPECIAL EVENTS

WALKING ON SUNSHINE: BALMORAL HALL'S 11TH ANNUAL FASHION SHOW

BY KATHY ROGOZINSKI

This year's Fashion Show was a great success. Held on Mother's Day in Balmoral Hall's new theatre, it was a wonderful way to kick-off spring. It was also the first ever Balmoral Hall Fashion Show run almost entirely by the students. Kassi Zahradnitsky, Kristle Calisto-Tavares, Jessica Jacobs-Mino, Kim Bhatal and myself organized the show with a lot of help and expertise from Mrs. Magne. Some of our tasks included involving stores, a venue, food, store fittings, hair and make-up, the raffle, music and more. Sarah Carter and Nicolette Rieger were our choreographers who

made the show look so spectacular, and often did much more than choreography. Courtney Moir and Miss Bonnett did a wonderful job of set, program, and ticket design. The support we received from stores, donors and parents was excellent and the show couldn't have happened without their help. The event was huge, but in the end, everyone enjoyed themselves, and I can say without hesitation, the audience loved the show! Funds raised from the fashion show will go towards this year and next year's graduation dinner and dance, as well as the Children's Wish Foundation. I would like to thank everyone who helped out with the show, your help was truly appreciated. Let's make next year's Fashion Show just as great a success!

1997-98 PARENT ASSOCIATION

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VALENTINE'S BALL

Romance was in the air on Saturday February 14, 1998, at the Balmoral Hall Parent Association's Annual Dinner/Dance Fundraiser. An exquisite dinner for 200 guests was prepared by the Radisson Suite Hotel and was accompanied by love songs by Eli Herscovitch and his band. This year's addition of a live auction added a new dimension to the evening.

(l-r) Andrew and Diane Kazina, Doug and Verna Danylchuk, Robert and Loretta MacDougall, Darcy and Brenda Zaporzan, Andrew and Leanne Ainley





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CAREER DAY

BY: JENNIFER SKERRITT (SENIOR 2)

Balmoral Hall's Career Symposium was definitely a success! On February 26th, twenty-nine different speakers visited B.H. for Career Day. They provided helpful insight into what their career is actually like by interacting with the students. In addition to the speakers, students were able to explore a variety of career opportunities and examine universities at the different booths displayed in the Atrium.

Ranging from a film producer to a lawyer, students were offered a wide variety of speakers. With careers in both the arts and sciences, students were able to select speakers that pertained to their personal interests and future goals. No matter what speaker a student heard, (whether an artist, financial planner, marine biologist or model), students learned the recipe for success being emphasized – love your career!

Everyone was extremely impressed by the outcome of the career symposium, which in my opinion was our best ever! Students enjoyed their sessions with the speakers and many are now contemplating possible future career paths. With everything that this year's career symposium accomplished, I can't wait until next year! Hopefully it will sustain or even surpass the excellence and excitement of this year!

GRANDPARENTS DAY

May 11th 1998, 10:00 am – there is a buzz in the air as I approach the other world of Tricia Geske's Junior Kindergarten. Down the hall I can hear the sound of girls and boys excitedly calling out to Grandma and Grandpa - look at this! Come over here! I made this! As I enter the room only Tricia looks up, all others are too busy sharing in the experience of their grandchild's fantastic world.

And so began Grandparents Day. Over 350 proud Grandmas and Grandpas arrived at 12:00 p.m., many of whom traveled by school bus to share an afternoon with one, two or three of the most important people in their lives. Far from a

sedentary afternoon, grandparents were immersed in the daily routine of their grandchild. Some grandparents even rose to the challenge of a quick game of dodge ball.

A welcoming sight to many grandparents was the Atrium lined with chairs and refreshments. Grandchildren escorted their grandparents on sneak previews of the new Performing Arts, Athletic and Technology Resource Centres. Soon it was time to jump on that school bus to the parking lot with hearts full and lips bursting to tell all their friends about the incredible things their grandchild can do!

Thank you grandparents – we look forward to having you back soon.



(l-r) Sarah Marantz, Mrs. Catherine Moir, Hilary Moir

GRAND



(l-r) James Richardson, Dorothy Rankin, Shirley Richardson, Cassidy Richardson

CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS

CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS NEEDED WHEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION

BH PHYS. ED STAFF: LISA CALSBECK,
DARLENE SVEINSON, LISA FRASER,
JOAN WEBB

"Oh no! Not again! The gym is unavailable for classes this week". Physical Educators have all had to deal with this kind of situation at some time in their careers, but how about 3 months? Construction began in mid-December and the senior gymnasium would be closed for the months of January, February and March, affecting classes from grade 5 up to Senior school.

How could Balmoral Hall still provide an active and healthy physical education program in the coldest winter months with no gymnasium? Since the last two winters were unusually cold, we had to hope that statistics and El Nino would help us out with cooperative weather. We had equipment to provide cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snow soccer, ice-skating, broomball and tobogganing.

Of course, who would have believed that we would have no snow by Christmas? A skating rink became an immediate need. The Physical Education staff took the problem in hand and made their own rink on the front field, 80 feet by 80 feet, using a garden hose and a lot of time and dedication.

Snow arrived shortly after students returned from Christmas holidays. The lower grades played snow soccer and ultimate frisbee (quite a challenge when wearing mitts and Sorel boots!)

and the upper grades roared down the riverbank on plastic carpets. Once the rink was ready, the younger grades were out on the ice every class. They played tag games, some ringette and basically just had a lot of fun! Parents of younger girls came to help tie skates and to join the fun with their daughters.

While the junior girls skated, the older grades were cross-country skiing. Many girls used the school skis, while some brought their own. We checked in with the Winnipeg Harbourmaster's office to confirm river safety before venturing out on a beautifully groomed dual-track trail that Sport Manitoba had extended from the Forks. Girls that began the unit struggling with bindings and balance were soon striding competently and confidently along the river, many of them averaging 5km per gym class. After three weeks or so, the upper grades had access to the rink in the front field and the younger girls skied and snow-shoed on the river. The goal of the unit was to keep moving, learn two or three new skills and to help others to learn.

What did we gain from this experience? Well, PE staff became a very hardy breed, outdoors all winter and often skiing or skating for hours at a time and either shoveling or flooding the rink in spare periods or at night. Students gained an appreciation for winter activities and learned to share clothing, equipment and knowledge with anyone in need. We all became more flexible in our planning and more tuned in to the weather. In all, we were very pleased with the constructive ideas that flowed forth outside as a result of construction inside.



L: Daria Jorquera-Palmer – R: Jessica Rathwell

BOEING CLASSIC TRACK AND FIELD MEET

BY: LISA CALSBECK, JUNIOR
SCHOOL PHYS. ED.

On Friday, March 6th, two teams of 8 athletes participated in the Boeing Elementary Relays. The events included an 8 x 200m relay, 8 x 40m shuttle run and 8 x 1 jump team total long jump. These athletes competed against about 20 other teams. One team finished second in the Long Jump event. All the girls had fun and a positive experience in their first track meet.

On Saturday and Sunday, the main track meet took place at the University of Manitoba. Balmoral Hall was well represented by 24 athletes (grades 4-8) in over 50 events. The students took part in events like 4 x 100m relay, high jump, long jump, shot put, 50m, 200m, and 800m events. The athletes did well in all age classes and we managed to take home some medals as well.

In the Pee Wee age class, Lisa Gregory took home a second place

medal in the 800m. In the 50m sprint, Balmoral Hall proved to be at top speed with 4 girls finishing in the top 10 out of 39 competitors. The girls include Kathryn Boyd, Brynn Macek, Brittany Cawson and Paloma Corrin. When it came to the 50m final however, nobody stood a chance against one of our own. Not only did Kathryn Boyd win the 50m final race but she also set a new age class meet record with a time of 7.99 seconds. An excellent performance!

Brittany Cawson placed fourth in the 200m race and Lisa Gregory placed tenth. A Pee Wee 4 x 100m relay team consisting of Kathryn Boyd, Brittany Cawson, Paloma Corrin and Katie Briggs placed second out of 10 teams. Dany Theberge and Caroline Christie placed seventh and eighth in Bantam women's long jump out of 30 competitors. Robin Hamilton placed third in Midget women's Shot Put with a throw of 7.53 m.

All athletes were keen competitors in all their events and are to be congratulated for a job well done. You represented your school with excellence in effort and sportsmanship.



SKI

IN GIANTS RIDGE

THE BEST SKI TRIP EVER!

BY: JOAN WEBB, MIDDLE AND SENIOR
SCHOOL PHYS. ED.

Don't let the title of this article mislead you. Every year we seem to have "the best ski trip ever", so I think it's fair to say that it is a popular event.

Two busloads of staff and students on the Balmoral Hall ski trip travelled once again to Giant's Ridge in Minnesota. We left the school at 7:30 a.m. and after a "three movie" bus ride, we unloaded our bags at the Biwabik Lodge, changed quickly and boarded the buses for the hill. The girls loaded and unloaded like clockwork and,

as a result, were able to ski for almost five hours the first night.

Most of the students on the trip had already participated in Ski Day in early January, which had included lessons for all involved. This trip also included a lesson, for whatever level. This was a remarkable addition. Students that were snow-plowing on the "bunny hill" on Ski Day, were now taking lessons upgrading themselves to intermediate and allowing them to challenge the blue (intermediate) runs at Giant's Ridge. By the time we had skied for three days, almost every student and staff member, had taken advantage of at least one lesson.

Some girls took lessons on snowboards, which I can testify is much harder than it looks. Of course, the star student in the snowboard classes (according to the ski hill instructor) was our own Mrs. Lisa Calsbeck, one of our phys. ed. teachers in Junior School!

Several of our staff chaperones also signed up for a "mogul" lesson. What started as an effort to convince the students that everyone can benefit from classes, became quite an enlightening two hours. Any students seeing us try new things and often fall as a result, were much entertained.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART '98

BY: LISA CALSBECK AND
DARLENE SVEINSON

Balmoral Hall students and parents have once again taken the Heart and Stroke Foundation fundraising event to new heights. This year's event took place on Friday, April 24th with the sun shining on all the students from grades 1-6 and parent volunteers outside skipping to their hearts' delight and health. The students worked hard over March break and in the weeks following, collecting pledges which raised a phenomenal amount of money.

The parent support for this event was equally amazing as we had 70 parent volunteers helping to turn

rope, jump and sort envelopes. The total funds raised were an outstanding \$20,246.00. This is more money than ever to be raised in this event's 15 year history at the school. This money goes to the Heart and Stroke Foundation to further the study, prevention and reduction of heart disease and strokes.

The school is also being recognized for their efforts by the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In 1997, we were the top fundraising school in Manitoba and also had the top individual provincial fundraiser, Torrie Robertson. Balmoral Hall students and parents are also being recognized for their 15 years of dedicated service to this organization. Congratulations girls on helping to make a significant difference in all our lives.



Keeping fit and having fun!

TORRIE ROBERTSON





K-3 SPORTS DAY

*Sports Day,
What can we say?*

*Participation, at every station.
Soccer kick and hula hoop,
Four square, scooters, ball and scoop,
Basketball and structure play,
They did it all on this fine day!*

*Juggling and running races,
Sound of laughter, smiling faces,
Hockey shots and games, frisbee,
Putting golf balls off the tee.*

*Many thanks to volunteers,
You deserve some BH cheers,
Hip hip and hooray hooray,
Fun was had at our Sports Day!*

GRADE 4-6 TRACK MEET

BY: LISA CALSBECK

The rainy weather held off just long enough to finish this year's Track and Field meet. The girls from grades 4-6 competed in 7 different events throughout the day to earn House points and the top two finishers in each age class and event will go on to represent the school at the Knights of Columbus meet in early June. All students participated with great effort and a positive competitive spirit. Congratulations to all students!

LISA FRASER

Lisa Fraser, a member of BH's physical education team, placed first in the U.S. Women's Classic Handball Championships in Tuscon, Arizona. She defeated the present World Champion who stole Lisa's crown in Winnipeg last July.

Lisa has been invited to the Irish National Handball Championships because of her world class status, won the womens singles and doubles Canadian Nationals held in Quebec City in May and attended the 1-Wall Nationals in New York City. This June, she and two students attended the 4-Wall Nationals in California.

PROFILE

The following girls represented the school at the Knights of Columbus Meet:

GRADE 4

60m

Meghan Corbett
Michelle Maryk

200m

Lisa Gregory
Susie Yamamoto

800m

Lisa Gregory
Meghan Corbett

Long jump

Michelle Maryk
Susie Yamamoto

High jump

Marissa Atalotis
Alexa Zayac

Ball throw

Alexa Zayac
Andrea Mrak

4x100m relay

Meghan Corbett
Michelle Maryk
Alexa Zayac
Dana Sidebottom

GRADE 5

60m

Brynn Macek
Kathryn Boyd

200m

Lindsey Otto
Brittany Cawson

800m

Lindsey Otto
Ashlen Christie

Long jump

Kathryn Boyd
Andria Fong

High jump

Shawali Brar
Brynn Macek

Ball throw

Jennifer Kovnats
Andria Fong

4x100m relay

Brynn Macek
Kathryn Boyd
Lindsey Otto
Paloma Corrin

GRADE 6

60m

Caroline Christie
Dany Theberge

200m

Caroline Christie
Kaley Robinson

800m

Dany Theberge
Kristine Wilson

Long jump

Marissa Campanelli
Meghan Fejes

High jump

Cassidy Richardson
Kaley Robinson

Ball throw

Taren Rankin
Kristine Wilson

4x100m relay

Caroline Christie
Dany Theberge
Shannon Lawton
Lindsey Nelko



TRACK MEET



The Jungle Book

BY: PHYLLIS ILAVSKY

What a thrill to be the first musical production on the stage of the new theatre! The design of the theatre proved to be an excellent venue for *The Jungle Book* allowing for close involvement with the audience (elephants marching, monkeys running, and vultures making new friends). The audience enjoyed the comfortable seats and the performers appreciated the spacious backstage area.

Another 'first' was double casting for the main roles to showcase the multitude of talents in the two grade six classes. The energy, enthusiasm, co-operation and mutual support of the girls was outstanding.

The entire production exemplified the wonderful team spirit and effort of the cast, teachers and parent volunteers. The costumes, makeup, choreography, set, lighting and sound all enhanced the drama and the singing. The cast found it difficult to leave the stage at the end of the curtain call, wishing that the fun and excitement could continue. Congratulations to everyone involved for another great show!



(Front l-r) Leah Wong, Michelle Noh
(Back l-r) Chloe Wolstencroft, Marisa Campanelli, Chayanika Abeysekera

PERFORMANCES

A CHORUS LINE

The stage at the Franco-Manitoban Cultural Centre erupted for a week in January with the warmth and joy of twenty-six talented singers and dancers as the Senior School students presented the musical "A Chorus Line". Portraying the lives of young women auditioning for parts in a major Broadway show, the talented

actors touched the hearts of the audience with the excellence of their performances. This musical relied on the ability of each character to develop a bond with the audience and from the shy to the brash, from the damaged to the devil-may-care, the actors did the job! After seeing the show, CBC reviewer Ron Robinson, urged listeners to attend Balmoral's production which he praised for its energy and

sense of fun! As the signature song "What I Did For Love" ended the show and the chorus line danced the can-can in their sequined tuxedos, the students received a standing ovation! Congratulations to them all and their Director, Mrs. Bev Aronovitch. We are looking forward to many more professional performances in our very own theatre!

(back) l-r: Kaleena Patel, Trevor Borkin, Kristin Westdal, Simona Ioffe, Jessica Jacobs-Mino, Sarah Carter, Kristen Gale, Crystal Bewza, Rachel Corrin, Kathryn Ball, Jennifer Stitz, Heather Hrousalas, Nicolette Rieger (middle) l-r: Tayisa Petryshyn, Pam Delaquis, Dawn Shanski, Katie Gibson, Carla Goncalo, Anna AbouZeid, Renata Choptiany, Sarah Coates, Carla Pienaar (front) l-r: Jennifer Yamamoto, Andrea Mancini, Amanda Baldwin, Rena Sharfe, Kelsey Mills, Johanna Forster



Photo Courtesy of Jerry Kopelow

PERFORMANCES

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

After months of intensive rehearsals, a talented cast of six grade eleven theatre arts students directed by Bev Aronovitch took to the Gas Station Theatre stage with their polished and professional production of *Steel Magnolias*, a heartwarming comedy set in a beauty shop in Louisiana. The production delighted the audience from start to finish with its hilarious moments of comedy mixed with poignant drama.

The six characters, all friends who frequented Truvy's beauty salon, showed a fine sense of ensemble, working together to bring the lives of these colorful characters alive on

stage. Rena Sharfe as Ouiser, demonstrated a wonderful comic talent. Jessica Jacobs-Mino gave us a beautifully crafted performance as M'Lynn, the mother of the play's ingenue, Shelby, played poignantly by Robin Westmacott. Roberta Stephen, Pamela Delaquis and Katie Gibson each gave outstanding performances.

The set, designed by University of Winnipeg theatre student Lauren Ritz, provided a well-crafted backdrop for the action of the play. Mrs. Jane Stephen, props coordinator and Mrs. Brigitte Westmacott, costume designer, worked untold hours to make every detail of the play authentic. Bravo to all who participated in this excellent production!



USING THE NEW THEATRE

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Excitement was high on the opening night of the grade seven production of this popular Andrew Lloyd Webber musical. The near capacity audience in our new theatre marvelled at the level of talent and stage presence shown by these young performers. From the hilarious cowboy satire to the dynamite Elvis take-off, the cast of *Joseph* entertained and delighted, bringing the audience to their feet for a standing ovation.

Lauren Seaman as Joseph demonstrated a real vocal gift for her young age. The cameo roles of Potiphar and Pharaoh

as played by Allana Phipps and Dana Delapenha-Dobbin, were particular crowd-pleasers as were the cowboy tales sung by Lisa Moddemann and Sara Weselake. "Those Canaan Days" led by Mae Khan Lee and Shoshanna Paul was a stand-out as was Johsa Manzanilla's calypso number.

Thanks to producers Susan Sammons, Meredith Tapper and Ashley Makeiff, set and lighting designer Lauren Ritz, Technical Director Ginny May, props coordinator Mrs. Joy Wilton, costume designer Mrs. Colleen Kolt and the team of dedicated parents who helped make this a great show!



GRADE SIX GRADUATION

THE GRADE 6 GRAD

BY: JESSICA RATHWELL & JENNIFER O'NEILL-SALKI

Well, here we are, another year has come and gone, but this year was extra special...

The Grade Sixers gathered in the atrium to celebrate their passage into middle school. We arrived in our best dresses, some of us wearing very high shoes, and a lot of Pizzazz! Most of us arrived around 6:10 and were very excited.

When we arrived, there was mostly pictures being taken for the first half hour. Then came the exciting part!

We went into the festive atrium which had the "Jungle Book" theme characters on the walls and beautifully set tables with our names put on assigned seating. First Mrs. Steek said a few kind words, and then we said grace. For supper, we had vegetables, Caesar salad, spicy chicken fingers, perogies, meatballs, buns and 'Champagne' which was actually Ginger Ale! And for dessert, we had mint ice cream sundaes!

Supper ended at around 7:20 so we decided to walk and talk with each other in the meantime. Then we were told to go to the common room

for a special surprise! We received a gift that we would be able to treasure for the rest of our lives; it was a silver bracelet which had Balmoral Hall and '97-'98 engraved on the front, and our initials engraved on the back. It was very touching!

All of us will always remember that fine evening, and it is a memory that will always be worth keeping. We love B.H!



SHOOT FOR THE MOON

JEAN "SMILEY" (RILEY) SENFT (B.H. '67)

CLOSING EXERCISES GUEST
SPEAKER JUNE 11, 1998

After graduating from B.H. in 1967, Jean spent one year at the U of M and then graduated with a degree in Social Sciences (Economics) from the University of Western Ontario. After working as a paralegal in a Winnipeg law firm, she determined that she would not be a lawyer. Jean then worked in sales for Xerox Canada for five years during which she was transferred to Vancouver and was appointed the first Canadian female Sales Manager for Xerox.

After the birth of her first child in 1979, she taught the Xerox Learning Systems Courses for several years. She worked with Expo '86 on special events, and then took the Canadian Securities course and worked in real estate directed securities. Then, "the market crashed, my nanny quit, and I went home!"

For the past six years, Jean has been an International Skating Union World and Olympic Judge. Her current focus is a proposal on the judging of ice dancing. She also spent several years as a skating commentator for the CBC. Jean has three children: Riley is 19, a Collingwood grad now at Yale (on the rowing team), Derek is 16 at Collingwood School in West

Vancouver. Lauren is 10 and in Grade 6 at Collingwood. She was born at the time of B.H.'s Reunion '87, which is why Jean was unable to attend. Jean did, however, come to the 90th Birthday celebrations.

Jean serves on the Board of Collingwood School which is in its 14th year of existence (yes, that's all). She chairs The Collingwood Foundation which is raising money to continue the capital expansion of the school. Its enrollment has grown from 250 to 1060.

Jean's father was Chairman of the B.H. Board. She spends the summers at the Lake of the Woods.



AN ALUMNAE SHARES HER EXPERIENCES



AN EXCERPT FROM THE ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS BY JEAN SENFT

I remember sitting in this church, now 31 years ago, wondering about my future just as you are now. How can we predict the future? And how can you predict your role in it? Nobody is going to give you a map. You have to make your own. You have to start with a vision and have the courage to dream. Big dreams, audacious dreams. Shoot for the moon; if you miss, chances are you'll hit a star. Within the complexities of your dreams, look for the simplicities. Break them down into manageable chunks, steps, and go after them, one by one.

Is your future to be feared? Absolutely not. And especially not with your training from this wonderful school. The values that B.H. has taught you are values that you will take with you today and have for life. I speak of integrity, hard work and perseverance. These are the constants on the road

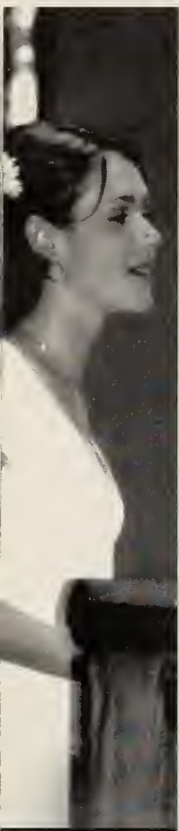
to success; foundations learned in Balmoral's halls and they will be the roots and underpinnings of your travels.

In pursuing your vision and dreams, in the end, the destination is not nearly as important as the journey along the way. Especially because the destination, as we've heard, may change as you create new paths. As you can see, my path has changed. And I can assure you, my journey to get there, over all these years, is what has been so fulfilling. It's the pilgrimage along the way that keeps you going. So enjoy and make the most of your own journey.

Remember to dream audaciously, take your dreams down off the shelf and work at them; and make your visions reality. Create your own paths and own destination and enjoy your journey. Have confidence that B.H. has absolutely given you the tools that you need to succeed.

Good luck to you all.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS



HEATHER
HROUSALAS

"I truly do remember being a bright-eyed, chubby-cheeked grade one student sitting in that first pew. And as I gazed at that year's Head Girl I dreamed that one day I would have the same honour and privilege of addressing the most special people I had ever encountered in my life. As I stand before my graduating class today, I realize that my dream has come true and I am overwhelmed with feelings of both sadness and complete exhilaration.

I am saddened because it only seems like a blink of an eye since I journeyed from that pew to this podium. And it is this sadness that signals the time for us to leave Balmoral Hall. A place, which my fondness for I feared could not be put into words. No matter what I say, I know I will not do it justice for Balmoral Hall has not only provided us with an enriched education, but it was the binding force that brought my graduating class together, and the force that has fuelled our undying friendships. Balmoral Hall introduced us to people whom we love enough to call "family", and offered us a sanctuary of kindness and wisdom that many of us call our second home. As J. Howard Payne once said: "Mid Pleasures and Palaces though we may roam. Be it ever so humble there is no place like home".

However my sadness is subdued by the complete exhilaration that our graduation brings. We can finally let out a final sigh of relief that we actually made it. However we must never forget the unselfish efforts of the many people who have helped us reach this momentous point in our lives. It is only right that I take the time to give these people their well-deserved thanks, on behalf of this year's graduating class.

To our teachers, we are forever in debt to you, not only for the wisdom and knowledge that you have bestowed on us, but for your true dedication to helping us achieve our goals. If it weren't for you, we would have never known that coleslaw is a physic's delicacy, that pantyhose actually come in a wide variety of funky colours, and that the most sought after achievement at Balmoral Hall is 'I Love Math' paraphernalia. In all seriousness, your patience and willingness to sacrifice your personal time has helped us become the strong, confident and extremely intelligent young women that we are today.

Now a special thank you to our parents, those people who are sitting here today muffling their sobs, while suffering from the disbelief that their little girls have grown up. Yes, it is true that you have seen us through the many significant 'first events' of our lives: our first day of kindergarten, our first take home project that eventually became... your first take home project, our first kiss, our first attempt at driving, our first failures and our first successes.

You have always been there for us giving us the love and support that we needed in order to pursue our dreams. And now you face another first: the fact that your daughters are graduating from a phase in their lives and they are about to embark on another journey.

And to the students of Balmoral Hall, thank you for your energy and spirit that helped make the '97-'98 school year as the prefects liked to say: "all good". Many of you have become very close friends of this year's graduates and so remember:

Make new friends, but keep the old
Some are silver the other gold
The best mirror is an old friend.

And speaking of old friends, I would now like to address my fellow graduates. A group of young women with whom I have had the privilege of experiencing the ups and downs of life. As I look out at you, I see a group of beautiful and intelligent women who possess talents that will enable them to conquer the world. Always remember that as Mason once said: "As every thread of gold is valuable, so is every minute of time". Please promise me that you will always set your sights as high as the stars. Never waste any time by getting caught up in the insignificant details of life. Realize that you have been given a wonderful education, and that you are surrounded by people who love you and will support you in whatever you do. Seize the opportunities that have been given to you, and fly with them. And I know that once you do, I will be hearing about all of your remarkable accomplishments, so please keep in touch.

"Life! We've been long together,
Through pleasant and through
cloudy weather;
'Tis hard to part when
friends are dear;
Perhaps will cost a sigh, a tear.
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time:
Say not "good night" but
in some brighter clime
Bid me "good morning".

Although I would love to keep all of you with me forever, I know I have to let you go, so you can be free to commence the bright futures that lay before you. But never will the memory of you escape from my soul. I will miss everyone of you, and remember that I love you from the bottom of my heart."

TO THE GRADUATES

AN EXCERPT FROM THE ADDRESS OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL, DIANE BIEBER TO THE 1998 GRADUATES

"Here they are - having opted for the traditional white dresses, studies completed, standing on the threshold of the next wonderful adventure, ready for anything. We're all very proud of you.

While I have the podium, I'd like to take a few brief moments to reflect on the past year and some of the things that are coming. Our capital campaign, "Enriching Her Tomorrows", is drawing to a close and so is the construction of the new facilities.

BRICKS AND MORTAR

These improvements will certainly simplify our lives and enhance our ability to do our jobs, but it's important to remind ourselves that they are simply tools - bricks and mortar. The Balmoral Hall experience has never been about "the buildings". We have a very strong academic program, a strong faculty, and now we'll have one of the most outstanding facilities in Canada for a girls' day and boarding school. It will be wonderful to be able to stage performances and events, in our own fully functional theatre. Our teams will enjoy all the advantages of a first class athletic centre, already sought after by city, provincial and national tournament organizers. The extra classrooms will take care of our space pressures. But rest assured, all of us here know what is really important.

As I look out at today's V.I.P.'s - our graduates - I'm looking at what is truly important. These young women are so bright, so talented, such wonderfully balanced individuals.

Would their B.H. experience have been a little more pleasant if these facilities had been in place a bit earlier? Perhaps. Would they be smarter, more self-confident, better prepared? Not in the least.

The truly important things have always been in place and will continue to be - the caring, the guidance, the nurturing, the vision. And I know that this class, like the graduating classes that have gone before, they will carry the B.H. experience with them and draw strength from it for the rest of their lives.

As for you, the graduating class of '98, we believe that we've given you the tools for success - in your careers, in your personal lives, and as contributing members of your community. How you define that success and how you pursue it will be your decisions - everyone has different perspectives and aspirations, and that's as it should be.

A NEW JOURNEY

But whatever you pursue, remember that to hit your mark, you have to aim above it. There will be challenges ahead and life may throw a few curves at you, but don't be afraid of set-backs - with every challenge comes a new opportunity. The important thing is to learn from them and go forward - to be and do your best. Keep in mind, success isn't a destination, it's a journey.

Your Balmoral Hall education has given you an excellent start on that journey - a step up the ladder toward "academic, social and leadership success in our changing world". We hope that we've also instilled in you the curiosity and passion for continuous learning that will ensure you are never overwhelmed by the rapid pace of change the 21st century will continue to bring.

That pace of change means you're facing a very different world than your parents faced. It almost seems as if 10 or 15 years ago can now be considered "the olden days". In technology - as everyone who has purchased a computer knows - the olden days were last week, maybe even yesterday!

It's an exciting and a little frightening, because, in many cases, there are no precedents to fall back on. All you can do is trust in yourself, be true to yourself, and continue to learn and grow.

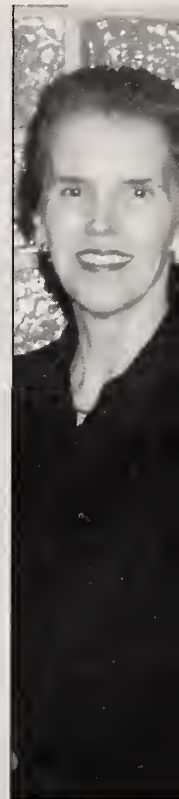
THE B.H. EXPERIENCE

And that brings me right back to the B.H. experience. Because within you, you'll find the strength of that experience. Not just the academic lessons you've learned, but also the ability to make good use of that learning - the social and leadership skills - the personal insights, and, of course, the friendships.

We hope that, having spent this time in a place where "tradition" is perfectly compatible with "progress", you'll continue to appreciate the value of that balance.

So, this is it. Today's the day you move from "student" to "alumna". And here at B.H., we're very much like proud parents, in that we're both delighted and saddened to see our fledglings leave the nest. That's why we encourage you all to maintain your bonds with the school. Visit! Keep us posted on what you're doing. You're a remarkable group of young women, and I look forward to hearing about your many successes in the future.

Congratulations!"



HEAD OF SCHOOL

LEADERS OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

GRADUATES PLANS

1998 GRADUATES' PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Ruth Amsden
University of Manitoba (*Fine Arts*)

Brooke Baines
University of Manitoba
(*Human Ecology*)

Kathryn Ball
University of Manitoba (*Science*)

Sarah Carter
Neuchâtel Junior College
(Switzerland) (*Performing
Arts and Social Science*)

Marianne Chatzoglou
University of Manitoba
(*Science followed by Dentistry*)

Kim Chourarath
University of Manitoba
(*Science-Medicine Pediatric*)

Alexis Cloutier
Participant in the GAP
program in Dublin, Ireland

Ashley Hacquoil
University of Manitoba (*Biology*)

Shelley Halchuk
University of Winnipeg
(*Arts or pursue career with
Winnipeg Police Service*)

Melanie Hawranik
University of Manitoba (*Science*)

Heather Hrousalas
University of Western Ontario
(*Science then on to Richard
Ivy School of Business*)

Nina Kaler
University of Winnipeg (*Science*)

Arlene Kent
University of Manitoba (*Science*)

Sarah Lemoine
Queen's University (*Arts*)

Danica Levy
Western University (*Social Sciences*)

Jasmine Lim
University of Toronto (*Architecture*)

Sacha Masson
University of Western Ontario
(*Science*)

Claire McLaughlin
University of Ottawa (*Languages*)

Maleen Mendis
McMaster University (*Science*)

Alana Miller
University of Manitoba
(*Engineering*)

Courtney Moir
University of Manitoba (*Fine Arts*)

Kaleena Patel
University of British Columbia
(*Computer Science*)

Julie Ryckman
University of Winnipeg
(*Arts*)

Tasha Satgunam
University of Manitoba (*Science*)

Amera Siddiqui
University of Manitoba (*Arts*)

Jennifer Stitz
Western University
(*Social Sciences & Business*)

Lily Tang
University of British Columbia
(*Computer Science or Biology*)

Heather Ware
The Toronto Dance Theatre, a school
and company of contemporary dancers

Kristin Westdal
University of Manitoba
(*Sciences/Zoology*)

Cody Yiu
University of Toronto (*Commerce*)

Sarah Young
University of Manitoba,
(*Social Sciences*)

PREFECTS 1998/99

HEAD GIRL
Kristen Gale

SCHOOL CAPTAIN
Rena Sharfe

SPORTS CAPTAIN
Jill Voth

ARTS PREFECT
Robin Westmacott

**SERVICE LEARNING/COMMUNITY
SERVICE PREFECT**
Gunwant Sandhu

RESIDENCE HEAD-GIRL
Jessica Jacobs-Mino

HOUSE HEADS
Ballater
Katie Gibson
Braemar
Tara Davies

Craig Gowan
Lindsay Ross-Stewart
Glen Gairn
Johanna Forster

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
PREFECTS 1998/99**

HEAD GIRL
Lauren Seaman

SPORTS CAPTAIN
Julia Cloutier



Balmoral Hall "Lifers" are recognized at the Closing Assembly
(l-r) Sarah Young, Alexis Cloutier, Kristin Westdal, Heather Hrousalas



Placing their permanent mark in cement.
(l-r) Sarah Lemoine, Julie Ryckman, Sarah Young



The Graduates receive their dolls made by the Grade 11 class, under the direction of Mrs. Teresa Friesen

PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL AWARDS

JUNIOR SCHOOL

MANITOBA SCHOOLS' SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

GOLD MEDALS: Jennifer Kovnats, Jennifer O'Neill Salki

SILVER MEDALS: Kyla Caners, Leigh McClarty, Priyanka Mysore, Kaley Robinson

BRONZE MEDALS: Ashley Christie, Carleigh Dunn, Kaja Irwin, Lisa Koss, Lindsay Nelko, Leslie Roos, Leah Wong

SPECIAL AWARDS: Kidney Foundation Cash Award
Simmie Globerman

WINNIPEG COMPETITION MUSIC FESTIVAL

GOLD: Grade 1 & 2 Choir

GOLD: Grade 5 & 6 Choir

SILVER: Grade 3 & 4 Choir

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL

PUBLIC SPEAKING/DEBATE:

MIDDLE SCHOOL

JUNIOR HIGH PROVINCIAL DEBATE

Provincial Champions: Anna AbouZeid, Kelsey Mills

Novice Runner-Up Team: Erika Douwes, Tiffany Dueck

JUNIOR HIGH NATIONAL DEBATE: Simmy Bhullar

DOUGLAS CAMPBELL PUBLIC SPEAKING

Third Place Persuasive Speaking: Simmy Bhullar

SENIOR SCHOOL

DOUGLAS CAMPBELL PUBLIC SPEAKING CHAMPIONSHIPS,

JOHN TAYLOR COLLEGIATE, WINNIPEG

3rd Impromptu Speaking: Sarah Carter

INTERNATIONAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING

CHAMPIONSHIPS, LOWER CANADA COLLEGE, MONTREAL

4th Dramatic Interpretation: Sarah Carter

4th Persuasive Speaking: Candice Donnelly, Kristin Westdal

RUPERT'S LAND PUBLIC

SPEAKING CHAMPIONSHIPS, BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL

Second School – Balmoral Hall: Sarah Carter, Heather Hrousalas, Kristin Westdal

1st Persuasive: Sarah Carter

2nd Persuasive: Kristin Westdal

NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CHAMPIONSHIPS,

S.J.R., WINNIPEG

3rd Place: Sarah Carter, Kristin Westdal

WORLD DEBATE AND PUBLIC SPEAKING CHAMPIONSHIPS, NORTHLANDS SCHOOL, ARGENTINA

12th Overall: Sarah Carter

FRENCH:

Concours d'art oratoire (French Public Speaking Award)
Provincial Finalists

Grade 7: Lisa Moddemann

Senior 2: Kim Bhathal, Tayisa Petryshyn

HISTORY:

Julia M. Adamson History Essay Award

Senior 1: Ashley Hyra

Senior 3: Lindsay Ross-Stewart

MATHEMATICS:

CANADIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION, 1998

Pascal Contest (Senior 1): Vivian Belik (medal)

Cayley Contest (Senior 2): Frances Hutsal (medal)

Fermat Contest (Senior 3): Chandra Gunther (medal)

Euclid Contest Jasmine Lim (medal)

Certificates of Distinction: Jasmine Lim, Sarah Lemoine

DESCARTES CONTEST

Kaleena Patel

SCIENCE:

Winnipeg School Division Science Fair (top prize)

Candice Donnelly

Manitoba Provincial Science Symposium (1st prize)

Candice Donnelly

Canada Wide Science Fair, Timmins, Ontario

(honourable mention)

Candice Donnelly

STOCK CLUB AWARD:

(Regional Winners of the Wilfred Laurier Stock Contest)

Outstanding Achievement: Crystal Bewza, Kristen Gale,

Chandra Gunther, Ginny Koreman, Kathy Rogozinski

ALUMNAE MESSAGE

PROFILE

LINDA (LEACH) RADCLIFFE ('63)

"Like thousands of Manitobans, I am knee-deep in the strategies and plans for Canada's largest sport event ever – the 1999 Pan American Games, being held in Winnipeg, July 23-August 8, 1999. Eclipsed only by the L.A. Olympics in '84 and Atlanta '96, the Pan Am Games '99 will be the third largest North American sports event ever, even larger than the Montreal Olympics and more than double the size of the Calgary Olympics and the Victoria Commonwealth Games combined! Over 15,000 volunteers will be required to run this volunteer driven event, involving 41 sports (6 more than Atlanta '96!) over 5,000 athletes and 42 countries. Imagine! The estimates now are for 300,000 meals to be served; 600,000 litres of gasoline to be pumped; 300,000 pounds of ice a day to be available, either for ice packs or drinks - the stats are breath-taking! Pat Rabson (former BH faculty) and I are the Co-Chairs of the Recruitment and Placement

Committee with the Volunteers Division (Chaired by Ashleigh Everett, BH '74 and current BH parent). Bottom line: it's our job to find the 15,000 volunteers and make every attempt to place them in areas of their interest and skill, based on the volunteer needs of the Games. Many of the BH families will remember volunteering in 1967 at Winnipeg's first Pan Am challenge! It's a tremendous honour (and unprecedented in the history of the Games) for a city to be awarded the bid a second time. We KNOW we "do" volunteering well in this province - and we're asking YOU to consider helping us! We are hoping that many BH alumnae and current students, parents, and faculty will join the ranks of the 15,000! Registration forms are available at all MTS Phone Centres and Phone Corners in Manitoba. For further information phone 985-1999 or the Volunteer Line at 985-1100. Join Team Pan Americano! Be a part of our 1999 Pan American Games!"

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ALUMNAE

MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNAE PRESIDENT

Another school year has come and gone. As always, spring brings new graduates and changes at Balmoral Hall. On May 3, 1998 the Alumnae Association Annual Meeting and Brunch was held in the new theatre and expanded atrium. A few tears were shed as the alumnae remembered the mix of excitement and apprehension felt at that time of your life. We were thrilled to welcome the new graduates to the Alumnae Association and to give them our support and encouragement for the future.

This spring we also wish well to Linda Martin who has resigned from teaching at Balmoral Hall. Linda will be fondly remembered for her passion for History, her skill as a debating coach and for her leadership and guidance to the Alumnae during her years as Alumnae Director.

As I end my term as President of the Alumnae Association, I look back to the improved facilities at BH with excitement for what it will mean to future students. I also look to the celebration of the rich tradition of Balmoral Hall during our planned Centennial celebration in 2001. I invite everyone to keep a place open in your calendar to attend the celebrations and reunion. Until then, your support in making this event successful will be welcomed in many forms. We will be updating our contact lists to ensure everyone is included and we will be planning many events and coordinating an entire weekend of festivities. So spread the word, get excited and plan to join us.

Thank you to the school for your ongoing support of the Alumnae. Thank you to Linda and Tina for their assistance during my time as President, and thank you to the members of the Alumnae Board for their support and dedication to Balmoral Hall.



Catherine (Coughlin) Thiessen B.H. '78

ANNUAL GIVING

ANNUAL GIVING 1997-98

RIVERBEND

Mary (McCallum) Alexander
 Ruby (Benidickson) Ashdown
 Lorna (McCarthy) Berg
 Mary C. (Harris) Campbell
 Margaret (Anderson) Devereaux
 Lydia (Klein) Engebretson
 Kathleen (Murray) Ford
 Carolyn (Dowler) Graham
 Elizabeth (Irish) Graham
 Grace McCurdy
 Shirley (Swail) Parker
 Shirley (Rooper) Richardson
 Polly (Harris) Riley

RUPERT'S LAND

Barbara (Hamon) Aldous
 Betty (McDonald) Armytage
 Eve (Rogers) Auer
 Clementina (Adamson) Bidwell
 Miriam (Baker) Blair
 Elizabeth (Holden) Buggy
 Cynthia (Bennest) Burbidge
 Irene (Montgomery) Cox
 Lucille Cubbidge
 Enid (Hoover) Day
 Lorena (McDonald) Fair
 Joyce (Burton) Fulton
 Hilda Granger
 Joy (Bedson) Grant
 Joan (Adamson) Hunt
 Blanche (Henderson) Johnston
 Frances (MacCharles) Jukes
 Margaret (Tomkins) McDonald
 Jennifer (Robertson) McQueen
 Joan (Macaw) Miners
 Betty (Baker) Moorhouse
 Ruth (Thompson) Perdue
 Ruth (Simonds) Smith
 Mary (Tucker) Taylor
 Elizabeth Trimmer
 Amy (Best) Wadley
 Betty (Foster) Wilcox
 Margaret (Martin) Williams
 Frances (Scoville) Wilson
 Elizabeth (Gemmell) Yarnell

BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL

Daunica (Martin) Brock
 Trudy (Todd) Bryant
 Ditte (Lansky) Cloutier
 Ann (Mason) Curry
 Helen "Nicki" (McGibbon) Douglas
 Kathy (MacDonald) Elgin
 Mary (Bruce) Graham
 Judi Green
 Nicole (Shroyer) Halabi
 Allyson (Treleaven) Hannaford
 Jolene Harvey
 Jane (Kellock) Hladky
 Darlene Andison
 Frances (Macfarland) Imrie
 Gwynne Johannesson
 Heather Jessiman
 Suzanne E. (Holland) Lount
 Deirdre Malone
 Julia (Berry) Melnyk
 Deborah Metcalfe
 Darryl Moore
 Shelley Muir
 Tina Penswick
 Mary Pluhar
 Linda (Leach) Radcliffe
 Suzanne Riley
 Signe Salzberg
 Susan (Graham) Scott
 Jane (Ross) Smith
 Lyn Stephen
 L. Mary (Albertsen) Stewart
 Signy Stewart
 Joanne R. Sutherland
 Valerie Ternan
 Catherine (Coughlin) Thiessen
 Nicola (Murray) Tory
 Patricia (Moss) Weeks
 Tanny (Armytage) Wells
 Joan (Malaber) Williams
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 Connie Winter-Troutwine

Supporters of the 1997/98 Alumnae Annual Giving, we thank you. Over 84 donations have been received for a total of \$5,833.00.

Your gift is an investment in the Balmoral Hall community and of great importance to the continuation of our Scholarship Program. It is difficult to educate others on the importance of giving and the need for philanthropic support. Alumnae serve a far greater role than just writing a cheque; you are role models. Your generosity has set an example for current and future alumnae.

Through your donation, you are ensuring that others will have the chance to experience Balmoral Hall and make memories to last a lifetime. They will be given the opportunity to challenge themselves and grow into caring and courageous young women seeking better things.

ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES

FROM THE SCHOOL ARCHIVES...

BY: LYN STEPHEN, SCHOOL ARCHIVIST

The countdown has begun! To the Millennium? Yes, that too, but we at Balmoral Hall are talking more about 2001, when the School will be celebrating its Centenary.

This upcoming landmark event is already stimulating interest in the history of Havergal College, Rupert's Land College/School, Riverbend School and Balmoral Hall. Our Archive is a treasure-trove of information, but we are always seeking to enlarge and enhance our collection.

As we begin preparations for the anniversary, we are making a special appeal for donations of pictures, yearbooks, newsletters, programs, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, pins, uniforms and other memorabilia.

One need in particular is for graduation class photographs from Havergal, Rupert's Land and Riverbend, and from Balmoral Hall in the 50's, 60's and 70's. If you have a class photo but don't wish to part with it, please consider lending it so that a copy can be made.

Using the class photos we receive, and those already in our collection, a permanent display will be mounted in the School. Help us complete this record of one hundred years of graduations in time for the Centennial!

HERITAGE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

BY: DIANE SIDEBOTTOM-ROULSTON & RUBY ASHDOWN
CO-CHAIRS, HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The Heritage Committee is pleased to report that restoration work on Aikins House and its contents began during the 1997-98 year. We have completed about half of the art collection restoration. We are most pleased with the E.M. Ward (located at the top of the stairway). This canvas had a large rip and was in need of cleaning. Today it is restored to its original condition and a beautiful part of our collection. A complete list of all art restoration is available on request.

Around Christmas time, the dining room table was broken during some routine moving. The school, via the Alumnae Board, approached the Heritage Committee to sponsor the repairs. The Committee was pleased to be asked, and went on to repair and refinish the table.

The final work of the Heritage Committee for 1997-98 has been the selection and purchase of upholstery fabrics for the main floor of the house. We were very fortunate to have Barbara Tiller, an alumnae and Interior Designer, work with the committee during this process. Barbara has spent hours working on our behalf and has selected beautiful

fabrics, wallpaper and wall colors. Her expertise has been appreciated by all members of the Heritage Committee.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Alumnae and School for all their support over the last year. We look forward to the next phase of renovation to the House and its contents. Again we would like to invite any alumnae that are interested to join our committee. We would also encourage Alumnae to continue their support of the Heritage Committee and help build our endowment fund.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1997-98

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May Brunch welcomes 1998 graduates into the Alumnae Association

FRANCIS E. WILSON ('31)

Frances is always so interested to receive news of Balmoral Hall. "Rupe" has come a long way!

RUTH PERDUE ('31)

Still hanging in!

LYDIA ENGBRETSON ('37)

Lydia will never forget her seven years at Riverbend – 'best time of my life'. Congratulations to all you Leach Connections!

IRENE E. (MONTGOMERY) COX ('40)

Since retiring from teaching in 1950, Irene has done volunteer work of several aspects. Her priority since 1975 has been with the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, of whom she was one of the 6 Founding Directors. She is proud to report that there has been a great deal of progress for hard of hearing and Oral-Deaf people. She now has 4 grandchildren and has fond memories of Rupert's Land when Miss Bartlett was Head Mistress/Principal.

SHIRLEY (SWAIL) PARKER ('45)

Shirley is moving to Edmonton in June 1998 with her son and family and is looking forward to spending winters in Honolulu with her daughter who lives there.

MIRIAM (BAKER) BLAIR ('48)

After residing in England for 38 years, Miriam is returning to Canada in September and will reside in Quebec.

MARIANNE (BURWOOD) HOLLAMBY ('48)

Marianne writes from London, England that she has almost completed her memoir of her four years at Rupert's Land as a "British War Guest" during World War II. We look forward to receiving what promises to be a compelling account of this aspect of school history.

MARY (TUCKER) TAYLOR ('49)

Mary has three sons and two grandsons.

FRANCES MURRAY (MACFARLAND) IMRIE ('52)

All three of Frances' children live locally. She now has 4 grandchildren - Sheenagh & Jonathan Rolleson have two children, Samantha and Matthew; David and Michaela Imrie have two children as well, Christopher and Katherine.

JILL DUNBAR ('54)

Jill has three married sons, is expecting her 7th grandchild this summer and considers herself lucky that they all live within 15 minutes from her! Jill still sings in her church choir in Oakville, Ontario and is doing considerable volunteer work with the church, with Stokers (a group of stroke survivors who swim one day a week) and Golf for the Physically Challenged. The latter is a group of over 100 golfers who have various types of physical disabilities who come out once a week from April to October. She has been involved with this organization since the beginning and has been Chairman of the Board since its inception, nine seasons ago. She keeps busy and loves every minute of it! "Great getting news from B.H. but wish more of the 50's people would send in news. Keep up the good work".

JUDITH (SMITH) HEINRICH ('55)

Judith is a mother of 3, grandmother of 3, with a mother of 101! Fondly looking forward to retirement, when with her husband John, they will spend the winters in their home in Ajijic, a small Mexican village on Lake Chapala, Western Mexico and the summers at their country property near Collingwood, Ontario. Judith plays Bridge regularly with Winnipeg friends and thoroughly enjoys the Portal!

SUZANNE E. LOUNT ('55)

Suzanne is living in Naples, Florida in the winter and Winnipeg & Lake of the Woods in the summer. She now has 6 grandchildren. How life flies by...

SIGNE SALZBERG ('60)

Signe resides on Gabriola Island, B.C. and operates a business called Saltsea Creations. She would like to hear from former staff members. She welcomes anyone who would like to visit. Signe has provided us with an update on three former staff:

Tessa Evans – A much beloved house mother, keeper of senior students in the "White House" in the late 50's and early 60's Tessa Evans, died just before Christmas in Cheltenham, England of lung cancer. She was a highly valued and cherished counselor, comforter, role model who also had an exceptionally lively sense of humour. Prior to coming to BHS she worked for many years in East Africa in a school for girls. There are a number of boarders who, I'm sure, could contribute some memorable, lively tales from their experience with Mrs. Evans. She also kept in touch with many of her former students throughout the years

Allison Chown – Senior English Literature teacher in the 1950's - early 60's, Allison is living in Victoria, B.C., still in her own home. Overcoming many physical limitations, she also keeps her very lively mind and spirit engaged in reading and in keeping up with her son's family and catering business. Mrs. Chown says she no longer corresponds, but would appreciate hearing from former students and staff by letter, telephone or visit in person!

Joan Cook – Senior French teacher 1957-59, recently retired after a life-long teaching career. Her last position was as head of the French Department at Monmouth School for Girls in Monmouth (Wales).

CRESTLINES

She continues to live in Monmouth where she has been active in a choral society, in politics, in work for Save the Children's Fund, as well as gardening, bird watching expeditions, and travels in Europe. In 1984, she managed to visit BHS and see some of the major changes then. At that time, a reunion with former staff Nellie Lucas, Beverley Sharman, Helga Miller and Olive McEwan made the trip especially memorable.

DEB (STILBORN) HEENAN ('73)

Deb is presently farming with her husband Dale in the Regina area. They are pedigree seed growers and lentil processors for export. They have three children, Becky (13), Caleb (11), and Ben (8). Deb would love to hear from any students of the 1973 grad class.

BRIGETTE BEREZANY ('74)

Brigitte is a Financial Advisor Assistant and got married to Gary Taylor on March 10, 1998!

PAMELA (STEVENS) WEST ('79)

Pamela is married to Jeff West and has 2 wonderful little boys, Jack Harrison age 2 1/2 and Bennet James age 8 months. She works part-time as a registered nurse. Her husband is finishing his Ph.D. in Structural Engineering at U of Texas and they will be moving to places unknown in fall '98 or Jan '99. Pamela will keep us posted!

SUSAN ANN LEIBROCK ('80)

Susan is currently employed at a rehabilitation faculty in Los Gatos, CA where she works with adults recovering from strokes. She is living with a physician whom she met through work 5 years ago. Her interests include golf (she teaches an adapted golf class to adults with disabilities), piano, swimming, and gardening. She would love to hear from former 1980 alumni and enjoys reading The Portal and hearing the latest news from former classmates!

JANE (KELLOCK) HLADKY ('80)

Jane has a 6 year old daughter and a 3 year old son. She hasn't heard from classmates in quite a while and would like more Alumnae to provide their e-mail addresses.

JUDI GREEN ('81)

Judi is still living in Northwestern Ontario healthily and happily, and ironically working for a public school system. She tells us that the first section of the Portal she turns to is Crestlines, where she can find out what former students are doing.

EMILY BUTLER ('82)

Emily attended BH for grade 9 and is now the top faculty of arts graduate of Simon Fraser University. Her BA in psychology is now leading her to pursue a graduate degree at Sanford University on a U.S. National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. Her plans include a career as a university researcher in psychology.

DAUNICE (MARTIN) BROCK ('83)

Daunica is keeping busy with her recent move to Edmonton, work and two kids. She always looks forward to class reunions!

ANDREA OSBORN ('84)

Andrea recently graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine and is moving to Boston to work at the New England Aquarium.

JILL HOWES ('85)

Jill has a wonderful job in White Rock, B.C. as a Dental Assistant. She keeps very busy with her son Nicholas who is currently enrolled in a new private school in White Rock. She says "Hi!" to all her classmates and asks that they give her a call when in Vancouver. Lori Hutchison has married James Kavanaugh and they had a baby girl named Sarah in December of 1997.

DARLENE ANDISON ('88)

Darlene had been working for Dow Jones Markets for the past three years and recently decided to take a sabbatical for a few months. Now, she is working on a contract basis doing Web Page design and is very happy being self-employed. From reading the Portal, Darlene was able to track down Patti Kostuchuk who is living in London and caught up with her just in time to throw a Thanksgiving dinner for her U.K. friends, who had not before experienced Thanksgiving. While in Vancouver, Darlene also visited with Kristin Shanski and Dawn Searle and spent a lovely evening sharing their experiences from years gone by. *"Recently, I realized that much of the reason I have been so blessed with the career opportunities I have had is due to my educational experience at Balmoral Hall. My commitment, discipline and self-confidence have been integral factors in the progress of my career, and were all instilled during my years at BH."*

JOLENE HARVEY ('88)

Jolene graduated from SFU in August 1997 with a B.A. major in Criminology. She is now completing her first year at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. She shares that it does not feel like that long ago that she attended B.H., especially when faces pop out of nowhere – she ran into Louise Coyle ('93) and Anita Joshi ('92) is her neighbour in residence at Osgoode!

RITA (DEUTSCHMANN)

SKOGSHOLM ('89)

After getting her BA of Fine Arts at the U of Lethbridge, Rita worked as a Group Coordinator on a very large cruise ship where she met her future husband. Rita married on April 26, 1997 in Love, SK and moved to the



Island of Tustna in Norway. She is presently learning the Norsk Language and was expecting a baby in May.

VALERIE TERNAN ('89)

Valerie was teaching ESL to Elementary School students in South Korea and was also training public school teachers "Western" teaching methods. In March, she spent a month in the Himalayas and was then going to seek employment teaching ESL in Europe or Asia.

PAIGE GLEN ('89)

Paige graduated with a B.A. from the University of Manitoba and then graduated from the after degree B.Ed program at the University of Winnipeg in 1995. Recently she received a TESL certificate from a Vancouver based International Training Centre. Presently she is teaching ESL in Seoul, South Korea at a Language Institute. Paige's students are Kindergarten to Grade Seven and advanced adult students.

ADRIAN (HERSAK) MILLER ('91)

She and Andy settled into their first home one year ago in Colorado and are enjoying the mild weather and all that their Rocky Mountain backyard has to offer. The flight attendant job at United has been the best thing for them - "United practically bought our house". Andy is a Captain now at United Express. The most important part of their lives is their church commitment. They attend Broomfield United Methodist regularly, are involved in a Bible Study for young couples and Adrian plays the piano and sings at Wednesday night services.

ANGELA WONG ('91)

Angela graduated from medicine at the University of Manitoba and will be in the 2 year residency program in a leading Edmonton hospital.

SHARON MOIR ('93)

Almost two years ago, Sharon moved from Vancouver to Kelowna

on her own and is currently working to complete a double degree in the Bachelor of Arts and Education. Each summer for the past few years, she has been working on the ocean as a Water Ski instructor at Camp Qwanoes on the Island. This is where she met her fiance...they are to be married on September 13th of this year! This summer, she will be travelling to Mexico for a month on a study exchange to study Spanish, history and art and plans to continue her studies in the fall. Her sister Carrie who left BH in '94 due to the move to Kelowna has been travelling around Europe and working in Paris for the past year. She is due to come home in one month and continue her studies in the Sciences at the Okanagan University. Sharon would love to hear from classmates as she looks back at BH with really fond memories. Her e-mail address is moirs@mala.bc.ca.

KIM LEMMY ('93)

Since leaving BH, Kim has graduated from Huddersfield University, England with a BMUS degree and has since been travelling. She finished a winter season in Breckenridge, Colorado where she was a Chalet Host for the British tour company 'First Choice'. In the future, Kim hopes to continue travelling, including and foremost Canada!

MICHELLE CLARKE ('94)

In June '98, Michelle graduated from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, and a Certificate in Engineering Biology. She is continuing her interest in rowing by competing in the Henley Women's Regatta in England, and will begin studies in medicine at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. in August.

BETH GREENBERG ('94)

Beth is now living on her own and going to school at the University of California at Santa Barbara. She will graduate next year with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Then it is on to graduate school for a Ph.D. in either abnormal or child psychology.

GWYNNE M. JOHANNESSON ('95)

Greetings from Germany. Gwynne is studying at the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena, Germany for the year. This is a wonderful opportunity for her to advance her knowledge of European History and to work on her International Relations major. Over the Christmas holidays, she spent three wonderful weeks with Tina Penswick ('95) and her lovely family in Pentwortham, England. She and Tina will be returning to Canada for a visit in August.

TINA PENSWICK ('95)

Tina is in her final year of B.Sc. (Hons) Biomedical Sciences at the University of Central Lancashire.

SHAUNA LABMAN ('95)

Shauna is planning to travel to Ireland this summer on a Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP). She is very happy with the courses she is taking. This past term, her courses included an Honours Seminar on Literary Theory, a course on Shakespeare, a Children's Literature Class, a course on Canadian authors and a class discussing New Religious Traditions. "The other week I was in a discussion with four or five other students and when I began to discuss the abundance of anachronisms in the novel, no one else knew what I was talking about. It puts me in awe sometimes when I realize how superior my high school education was compared to the education of my classmates. I hope all is well at B.H".



RYANN JESSIMAN ('97)

Seen here, Ryann is celebrating a Costa Rican Christmas. "If any students are interested in volunteer work after Grade 12, it doesn't get much better than this!"

VANESSA WISHART ('97)

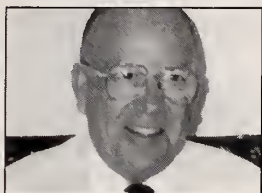
Vanessa is pursuing her 1st year Fashion Designing Career. She hopes to finish in two years and then plans to go to Costume Designing and Cosmetology. She is very grateful to hear news of BH happenings.

GEORGE GARTRELL

Former Assistant Headmaster, George was wed to Carol Adams, former BH Kindergarten teacher on January 3, 1998.

OLDEST LIVING ALUMNAE!

Margaret (Martin) Williams, Rupert's Land '37 writes: *My mother may be the oldest living "alum". She is Mrs. Kathleen Martin, nee Wilson, and she was 104 on February 3, 1998.*



TREVOR ROBERTS (RL '34)

Trevor attended Rupert's Land Ladies College from 1930 to 1934 before studying at St. John's College School and the University of Manitoba. He then spent 28 years in the Royal Canadian Navy where he retired as Lt. Commander and worked for the Encon Insurance Underwriting Agency as Secretary-Treasurer until 1983. Currently a Councillor on the Municipal Council of the Village of Sturgeon Point and a Lay Reader at the St. James Anglican Church in Fenelon Falls, Trevor is married, has 3 children and 8 grandchildren.



DR. DEREK C. ASKEY (RL '34)

Although a member of the opposite sex, Derek is an alumnae of Rupert's Land Ladies College. He continued his studies at several schools after Rupert's Land, graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1949 and went on to the Ontario Veterinary College. He practiced small animal medicine in Nanaimo in the late 50's and then in Burlington, Ontario until his retirement in 1988. Derek authored two suspense novels, the "Goat and the Tiger" and "Get'em" and took up singles sculling (rowing) at the ripe old age of sixty. He is presently enjoying his retirement with his wife Maisie spending his days landscaping and gardening twenty acres of Niagara Peninsula, canoeing, feeding two air-tight stoves through the winter and getting back to writing.

ADELE E. G. CURRY (RL '30)

January 5, 1998

DR. ELIZABETH (JOHNSON)

AITKEN (RL '40)

January 29, 1998 in London, Ontario

MURIEL (THOMPSON)

MAIN LePAGE (RL '28)

February 15, 1998 in Vancouver

DIANNE MELYNCHUK (McPHAIL)

LABOSSIERE ('57)

February 24, 1998

MABEL KATHLEEN (BELYEA)

McQUILLIN - FORMER STAFF

March 16, 1998

EDNA VERONA (MONTGOMERY)

NEAL (RL '27)

April 23, 1998

LORRAINE (McGILVRAY)

LEVINE ('63)

June 13, 1998 in Toronto

CLEMENTINA (ADAMSON)

BIDWELL RL '37

Deceased March 98

OBITUARIES

GIRLS AND BOYS OF B.H....

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Margot Anderson
Cathy Newcombe
Chris Bazansky
Mani Beer
Bonnie Berrea
Kaethe Boyer
Karen Collins
Colleen Cartledge
Debbie Casey
Colleen Cobbe
Jamie Lynn Crawford
Amber David
Susan David
Mariette De Bruyn

Judy Dodd
Kathryn Doidge
Marlene Fandrick
Anne Lawson
Laura Gardner
Judith Goodman
Carolyn Richardson
Agnes Ivan
Jill Kent
Helen King
Beverley Knight
Jennifer Ladin
Laura Lawson
Elizabeth Anderson
Barbara MacGibbon
Lezlie Martinson

Roxanne McLachlan
Nancy Culver
Shelley Mitchell
Dawn Novak
Lynn Gattey
Lesley Gould
Lorna Sirett
Mary Lou Swanson
Julia Tack
Ainsley Thorarinson
Ann Townsend
Anne Tyson
Linda Gail
Cathy Wood

CLASS OF 1989

Julie Anderson
Jennifer Andrusco
Shari Anton
Merle Balsillie
Jacqueline Berry
Milana Bodioga
Shelley Bruce
Cheryl Clarke
Leanne Coppens
Shonti DeFehr
Kathleen Duncan

Sharon Ferguson
Jennifer Finn
Jennifer Frizzell
Jane Goymer
Kristi Greene
Rachelle Gura
Carolyn Hall
Clare Harley
Christine Henzel
Kerri-Lee Kineshanko
T. Light
Natasha Marsh

Raquel Marsh
Catherine McBee
Monda Murray
Christine Nattress
Wendy Owen
Tamara Portree
Nicole Rosen
Tracey Rothstein
Tricia Smith
Eleanor Tam
Lee Renee Vandebroek
Heather Wiebe

WHERE ARE YOU?

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1998-99 DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 31

- New International students arrive

SEPTEMBER 1-4

- New International students Orientation Week

SEPTEMBER 7

- Labour Day Holiday – School Closed

SEPTEMBER 8

- All new Residence students arrive
- Returning International Residence students arrive

SEPTEMBER 9

- New Student Orientation – Grades 1 to Senior 4
- Returning Residence students arrive

SEPTEMBER 10

- Opening Assembly – Classes Begin

SEPTEMBER 16

- Official Grand Opening of BH facilities
- Parent Association Yahoo BBQ

SEPTEMBER 24

- Middle/Senior School Information Evening

SEPTEMBER 28

- Junior School Information evening

OCTOBER 9-12

- Thanksgiving Weekend Holiday – School Closed

OCTOBER 23

- S.A.G. Conference – no classes

NOVEMBER 11

- Remembrance Day – School Closed

DECEMBER 17

- Staff Administration Day – School Closed

DECEMBER 18-JANUARY 5

- Winter Break – School Closed

JANUARY 5

- Residence students return by 7:45 p.m.

JANUARY 6

- Opening Assembly – Classes Resume

FEBRUARY 4-5

- Ski Weekend

MARCH 19

- Staff Administration Day – School Closed

MARCH 22 TO APRIL 7

- Spring Break – School Closed

APRIL 6

- Residence students return by 7:45 p.m.

APRIL 7

- Opening Assembly – Classes Resume

MAY 21-24

- Victoria Day Long Weekend – School Closed

JUNE 16

- Junior School closing Exercises

JUNE 17

- Middle and Senior School Closing Exercises

JUNE 18

- Graduation dinner and Dance

Plan to attend the 100th Birthday Celebration in 2001!

STUDENT STORE

The Student Store is now located in the newly extended atrium. We are pleased to be in our beautiful new space in the heart of the school. Our store sells the complete Balmoral Hall Uniform and accessories such as duffel bags, backpacks, hair items and lunch kits. Any profits generated by sales in the Student Store go back into the school to enhance student life.

Purchases made at the Student Store can be paid with any major credit card, Interact, cheque, cash and customer account.

Our store is run with volunteers and any offers to work a short shift in the store would be greatly appreciated.

Prior to school opening on Thursday, September 10, 1998, the store will be open as follows:

AUGUST 25 – SEPTEMBER 4, 1998:
Tuesday – 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Wednesday – 1:00 pm-7:00 pm
Thursday – 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Regular store hours may be obtained by calling 784-1687.

For your convenience, purchases can be made over the phone by credit card/account charge and delivered to your child's classroom. We look forward to making 1998-99 a pleasurable shopping experience!

CONSIGNMENT UPDATE

Due to space restrictions, all consignment clothing currently in the Student Store will have to be picked up by September 30, 1998. Items left after that date will be donated to various causes. For your convenience, a list identifying the owner of the items will be kept in the store. If you have questions, please call Verna at 837-4460.



SPIRIT WEEK

